

Weekend Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy – high 81, low 55
Saturday: Partly Cloudy – high 81, low 63
Sunday: Partly Cloudy – high 79, low 57



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Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	+6	+102
35th FS	+11	+52
80th FS	-5	+50



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NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. – Families, a balanced civilian workforce and military construction funding are high-priority issues that senior Air Force leaders continue to address, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan.

“We are a family Air Force,” Ryan said during a visit here. “This is a recurring theme I encounter from airmen stationed around the world. Most of our folks when they finish their first tour have families.”

Ryan said that the Air Force is an expeditionary force, in the business of deploying. But when members deploy, they want to know that their families are stable, safe and secure.

“We, as a family Air Force, must make sure they are taken care of, particularly those who live on the installations,” Ryan said. “Approximately half of the military family housing needs rebuilding; we are working very hard to take care of that ... by the end of the next decade.”

“We are expanding facilities on base, such as child care,” Ryan said.

In the last few years Air Force people have received many needed pay and quality-of-life improvements, such as across-the-board pay increases, and recently the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance. Ryan expects this trend to continue.

“The service chiefs came together and worked very hard with the administration and Congress to try and turn around the trend of paying our folks less as we ask them to do more,” he said. “It is imperative that we compensate our folks sufficient to the task that we ask them to do.”

Ryan acknowledged the great

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Begert makes first visit
as PACAF commander

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — General William J. Begert visited the Korean peninsula May 29-30 to learn more about the 7th Air Force mission.

The new Pacific Air Forces commander’s number one priority is keeping the forces in PACAF mission ready.

“I want to make sure we’re giving the resources to everybody in PACAF to do their job and to continue doing the great work that they’ve been doing for a long time,” Begert said.

Even though this was a quick trip for the general, he said he was impressed by the 7th Air Force units’ ability to defend the southern peninsula and has no doubt the forces are ready to do their wartime mission.

“People are motivated, understand and are focused on the mission,” he said. “It came across when I talked to them.”

Although the 7th Air Force units are mission ready, Begert recognizes the many challenges facing them and other PACAF bases.

“I think PACAF and the Korean-based forces face the same kind of challenges the rest of the Air Force has in terms of aging aircraft, keeping things mission ready and making sure we’re putting our limited resources in the right places,” he said. “I don’t think that’s going to change. We’re (the Air Force as a whole) on the cusp of getting many new systems, and need to be ready for when they join the force.”

Begert said he also understands the need for new facilities and continuous quality of life improvements.

“I first came to Korea about 30 years ago as a young officer,” the general said. “I’ve watched it grow through the years as I’ve visited and passed through here. But, there’s still a long way to go. There are a lot of things we can do to make things better. Some things we can do for



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Pyle

Gen. William Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, talks about quality of life issues during a visit to 7th Air Force units in the Republic of Korea May 30.

ourselves, but most require additional resources to put against those requirements. I’m going to do everything I can to justify the requirements to the Air Force, the administration and Congress to get those resources.”

He emphasized that quality-of-life improvements are not only housing and recreational facilities, but the workplace and schools as well.

“There are places here in Korea that need help, and we just have to work on them year after year.”

As the new PACAF commander, Begert said he’s very proud to have this opportunity in PACAF with “its history, bright future and challenges we face.”

“It’s an awesome responsibility,” he said. “I’m just getting my feet wet.”

He noted that he intended to visit the Korean peninsula as his first trip once taking command.

“This is where the greatest threat is day to day,” Begert said. “This is where our airmen are the most ready and have to be ready at a moment’s notice. It’s been great to be able to come out here to see first hand the threat (Korean-based U.S. forces) face, and the way they go about facing it.”

Begert plans on returning to the Korean peninsula for a longer visit in two to three months.

“I want to spend a little more time and get a deeper and richer understanding of the nature of the mission,” he said. “I’d like to get to know the people better, especially the commanders, so I can better support them.”